

## COMMON COUNCIL—EXTRA SESSION.

### BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 19.—This board met this evening at the usual hour. Mr. Morgan, President in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

### PETITIONS REHEARD.

Of the Anglo-American Free Church of St. George the Mayor in his office of New Haven, for an extension of the period allowed for the erection of chapel and hospital for British emigrants. Of Hoc House Co., No. 19, for a new four-wheeled horse carriage in the place of their present appearance. Of residents of Oliver street, Boston, for a license to sell rye from the consequences of a newer imperfectly constructed, Remonstrance of Elizabeth de Wint against opening Church street to the Bazaar. Of D. F. Martin relative to a steep bank at the foot of Franklin street. Relative to a certain association of citizens of St. George's B. Bishop, who serves a cause in Paris street, between Fulton and John streets, of J. Briggs, to have the said land exequated from the bulkhead between pier No. 11 and 12, E. R. An invitation was received and accepted for the Board of Aldermen to visit Barnum's Museum or Franklin street.

A remonstrance of owners of property in Wall street, against cutting down the buildings on the north side of Wall street between Nassau and Broadways.

### INQUIRIES OF THE MARINE COURT.

A petition was presented from several members of the bar and jurors, who have been summoned in the Marine Court, and who represent to the Mayor and Common Council that the room appropriate for the use of the Marine Court has been calculated to give great accommodations for the court, in which so much business is done; that they have frequently observed the court room crowded, where the cause became impure and offensive in a high degree; and they believe that, on some occasions, jurors have been compelled to be seated in the gallery, and have complained. The matter was referred to the Commissioners of Repairs and Supplies.

Communication from the Commissioner of Repairs and Supplies in relation to erecting a suitable structure for the Marine Court. It was referred to the First Division New York Militia. It was referred to the Committee of Repairs and Supplies.

Communication from the Commissioner of Repairs and Supplies in relation to erecting a three story building to be used by the court in the court room and office. Referred to the Committees on Repairs and Supplies. The estimate will be \$60,712.

Report of the Committee on Ordinances on the communication from the Croton Aqueduct department; adopted.

Report of the Committee on the departmental expenses in favor of the New York Militia.

The petition of Daniel Brew and J. Newton to erect an office on the pier between Liberty and Courtlandt streets, was then taken up, whereupon

Alderman Stewart said that he had received a communication from the corporation, which advised him that likely the result would do the same he would ask the petition to lie upon the table until to-morrow evening.

Alderman Miller remarked that he was unable to see what there could be to a reference of the petition to the Street Commissioners.

Alderman Stewart replied that the projected office was not intended for the accommodation of passengers, but for that of clerks. The question now came to be, whether it is proper or lawful to carry on the interests of a firm on the other side of West street.

The motion to lay on the table was lost.

Alderman Barnes moved the reference to the Street Commissioners, whether it be legal or not to erect such a building.

Alderman Stewart said that it is simply a legal question, and the Street Commissioner is no legal adviser of this board. It should be referred to the heads of the Law department.

Alderman Miller then moved to the Committee on the Law Department.

Alderman Miller hoped it would not take such a course.

Alderman Barnes then moved a reference to the Corporation of the corporation, for the purpose of examining whether they had the power to build the office or not.

Alderman Miller said he could see nothing improper in the reference to the Street Commissioners.

Alderman Barnes moved the reference of a purely legal nature, and as such ought to be referred either to the Committee of the Law Department or to the Council to the Corporation. But if a reference to the Street Commissioner be persisted in, he will raise no objection to it. It would be proper to be instructed to report on the subject without action.

The matter was then referred to the Street Commissioners.

A resolution from the Board of Assistant Aldermen was passed, authorizing the corporation to appropriate by the sum of \$1,000, giving to Mr. Stevens a portion of the bulkhead on West street for ferry purposes, be amended by striking out "thirty-five" feet and inserting "seventy-seven" feet south of said pier.

The Board then adjourned until 9 o'clock this afternoon.

### BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

March 19.—The Board met at 9 o'clock this forenoon, to lay. Present: The President in the chair and a quorum of members in their places. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The following petitions were read and appropriately referred.

Petition of the officers of the Anglo-American Free Church of St. George the Martyr, asking for further time to complete the erection of a hospital on the building site in West street.

Petition to lay off Twenty-second street regulated and graded from Third to Fourth avenues.

Petition to lay off Twenty-second street, between Second and Third avenues.

To the Mayor. In Hester street continued from East to Albany street.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS.

A communication was received from the Committee of Repairs and Supplies, relative to building a house in Lester street for Hoc House Co. No. 19, on the corner of West and Lester streets. The measure was adopted by the Board of Aldermen. This Board concurred.

A communication was received from the Street Commissioners, enclosing estimates for building a half house, to be built on the corner of West and Lester streets, North river. Also for regulating grading and macadamizing Broadway, between Fifty-first and Fifty-ninth streets. Also, for setting curb and gutter stones, and paving in front of No. 11 and 12, Lambert street. Also, for laying a paved walk in Twenty-sixth street, East river, and macadamizing covered in paper.

Report of the Committee on Ferries of Board of Aldermen, relative to changing the location of Fulton Ferry. Board of Aldermen non-concur.

Alderman Barnes.—I move to lay the motion of Alderman Barnes.

Assistant Alderman Mayr.—Mr. President, if we order the paper on file, can we take it up at any future time?

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Assistant Alderman Barnes.—Withdrew his motion to lay the paper on file, in that the matter might be discussed, but the member did not seem inclined to discuss it. He removed the motion, which on being put, was carried, and so the report lies on the table.

Chairman.—There seems to be no further business before us.

Assistant Alderman Barnes.—I move—

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